Role of Security Council in the World

1664. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether some meeting to discuss the role of Security Council in changing International Scenario was organised by I.C.W.A. at New Delhi;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some suggestions were made during the discussion;

(d) whether Government propose to take some initiatives to take up these suggestions at an International forum; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) The I.C.W.A. organised a symposium on "the Security Council in changing international scenario" on February, 17, 1992.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) The suggestions made at the Meeting have been noted and will be given due consideration by the Govt.

Pakistan move on Kashmir

1665. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been invited to the news item captioned "Sharif reiterates third option on Jammu and Kashmir" appearing in the 'Hindustan Times', New Delhi dated the 21st February, 1992.

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Pakistan's Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs earlier said at Islamabad on 17-2-92 that the Government of Pakistan had decided to raise the Kashmir issue on the forum of the United Nations;

(d) whether Pakistan's Chief Minister has now taken the stand that it would not be possible for Islamabad to continue to stop the JKLF marchers from crossing the Line of Actual Control during this month;

(e) whether Pakistan Government will be sending special envoys to the members of the United Nations Security Council and other leading members of the international community for finding a peaceful settlement of the Kashmir issue; and

(f) what strategy Government propose to adopt to counter these Pakistani moves?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Government are aware of various contradictory statements attributed to Pakistani leaders on the Kashmir issue.

(c) to (f) Government are aware of press reports in this regard.

Pakistan's attempt to internationalise the Kashmir issue are in violation of the Simla Agreement. There can be no role for outside or third party intervention. Government will continue to urge Pakistan to abandon its negative approach and join us in sincere efforts to resolve all differences bilaterally in accordance with the Simla Agreement.

Pakistan claim on Sir Cleek area in Kutch Waters

1666. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Pakistan has claimed the entire Sir Cleek area in Kutch waters as within its boundary while the actual boundary lies between the Centre of the navigational courses of the cleek:

(b) whether Pakistan has launched a concerted offensive against the Indians fishermen in the disputed Sir Cleek area of the Arabian Sea, apparently with the long-term objejctive of holding way over the marine resource-rich region;

(c) whether Pakistan's armed vessels of its Marine Security Agency often intrudes into the Indian waters off the Saurashtra-Kutch coast; and

(d) if so, the steps being taken to check these evil Pakistani designs?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) here are some differences in the interpretation of the boundary in the Sir Cleek area. Discussions, are underway with Pakistan with a view to demarcating the Indo-Pak boundary in the area.

(b) There have been instances of Indian fishing vessels and fishermen being captured by Pakistan. The Indian Coast Guard have also captured Pakistani vessels and fishermen inside our territorial waters.

(c) and (d) whenever such instances have occurred, Government have protested to the Government of Pakistan and urged them to prevent their recurrence. A constant vigil is being maintained in the area by our concerned authorities.

Pakistan's Opposition against India's securing permanent seat in Security Council

1667. SHRI DHULESHWR MEENA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state.

(a) whether Pakistan has decided to oppose Indian efforts to secure a permanent seat in the Security Council; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto and steps it propose to take to meet the Pakistan's bid to oppose India for permanent seat in the Security Council?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI) (a) and (b) India has stressed the need for a restructuring of the Security Council in order to reflect more than three fold increase in the membership of the United Nations and the changes in the international situation since the world body's inception. However India has so far not made any specific proposal for a permanent seat for her in the Security Council. The question of opposition by Pakistan therefore does not arise.

Delay in issue of Passports due to Police Report

1668. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there is too much delay in issuing of passports to the applicants because of inordinate delay in receiving the police report;

(b) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to do away with the police report for issuing of passport to the applicants;

(c) whether there is any proposal under Government consideration to involve elected representative to recommend the passport application forms; and

(d) if so. the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI MADHAVSINH SOLANKI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Expeditious issue of Passports

1669. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he announced in a recently held Regional